The American Lung Association believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and healthy life. Sadly, many systemic issues have contributed to health disparities, including for those facing lung cancer. The “State of Lung Cancer” 2021 found that people of color who are diagnosed with lung cancer face worse outcomes compared to white Americans as they are less likely to be diagnosed early, less likely to receive surgical treatment, more likely to receive no treatment, and have lower survival rates. More than half of the 29 million uninsured Americans are people of color, and research is clear that having health coverage impacts people’s medical care and ultimately their health outcomes. Addressing racial disparities in healthcare coverage will therefore be critical to addressing racial disparities in lung cancer care.

**Black Americans**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 18% worse than white Americans
- **Surgical Treatment**: 23% worse than white Americans
- **Lack of Treatment**: 9% worse than white Americans
- **Survival**: 21% worse than white Americans

**Latinos**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 16% worse than white Americans
- **Surgical Treatment**: Same as white Americans
- **Lack of Treatment**: 26% worse than white Americans
- **Survival**: 16% worse than white Americans

**Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders**
- **Early Diagnosis**: 18% worse than white Americans
- **Surgical Treatment**: 17% better than white Americans
- **Lack of Treatment**: 5% worse than white Americans
- **Survival**: 9% better than white Americans

**Indigenous Peoples** (American Indians/Alaska Natives)
- **Early Diagnosis**: 17% worse than white Americans
- **Surgical Treatment**: 25% worse than white Americans
- **Lack of Treatment**: 11% worse than white Americans
- **Survival**: 13% worse than white Americans